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FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PEPR, SA, AF  
SUBJECT: SAUDI-AFGHANI RELATIONS

1. DURING JUNE 10 MEETING, CROWN PRINCE TOLD ME SAUDI ARABIA WAS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING RECOGNITION OF NEW REGIME IN AFGHANISTAN. IN THAT EVENT, HOWEVER, SOME ATTEMPT WOULD BE MADE TO TIE RECOGNITION TO A MESSAGE SAYING THAT SAUDI ECONOMIC AID TO AFGHANISTAN WOULD DEPEND ON THE NEW KABUL REGIME'S NOT BECOMING OVERLY SUBSERVIENT TO THE SOVIET UNION. HE FELT THERE WAS HOPE BECAUSE OF INNATE RELIGIOUS FEELINGS OF AFGHANIS, WHO, SAG FELT, WERE FORCING NEW REGIME TO GO SLOW ON COMMUNISM, AND BECAUSE KABUL GOVERNMENT HAD PROVEN RESPONSIVE TO SAUDI AMBASSADOR'S REQUEST FOR RELEASE FROM DETENTION OF MEMBERS OF FORMER AFGHAN ROYAL FAMILY.

2. IN RESPONSE I SAID IT WAS HEARTENING TO HAVE SAUDI CONFIRMATION THAT THE NEW AFGHAN GOVERNMENT MIGHT BE HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT ITS RELATIONS WITH SOVIET UNION. U.S.G. HAD BECOME INCREASINGLY CONCERNED WITH THE GROWTH OF SOVIET INFLUENCE, OF WHICH AFGHANISTAN WAS JUST THE LATEST EXAMPLE. I COMMENDED  
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THE CROWN PRINCE FOR HIS LEADERSHIP IN COUNTERING THAT THREAT IN EQYPT, SOMALIA, THE REST OF THE HORN OF AFRICA AND NOW AFGHANISTAN.

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